

Laura Wiltfong, President, opened the meeting at 6:48 .

Wiltfong introduced the Orchestra Booster board members and announced that the position of Assistant Treasurer was open. The group is also looking for a Field Trip Chairperson who can coordinate parent volunteers needed for bus rides on district music trips, and they are looking for a parent who can be in charge of the Hen House sacking fundraiser at Christmastime. If interested contact Orchestra Boosters at smeorchbooster@gmail.com

Mr. Keda addressed the group briefly. He talked about the upcoming concert on September 29 and spoke about his teaching goals, which include every kid participating who wants to participate, and every student feeling a sense of progress after every class and every concert, and having a positive experience in music. Mr. Keda told parents to feel free to contact him.

Doreen....the treasurer reported that the uniform fitting went well and reminded parents to turn in fee payments if they haven't done so already. She will send email reminders.

Laura Wiltfong went over the budget for the 2016 – 2017 school year. Income is \$11,151 and expenses are \$9,075, a net gain of \$2,076. Wiltfong pointed out that since it's a trip year, there will be T-shirts for sale and \$150 in income is expected from that. A motion was given and seconded to approve the budget. Members voted and the budget was approved.

Heidi Bennion reported that eleven people participated in the fundraiser at Village Fest. The \$509.04 raised went into their trip accounts. The car wash made \$1,000. Presales for that fundraiser went directly into the students' accounts.

Upcoming fundraisers include:

poinsettia sale---order forms will come out in a few weeks

Hen House sacking

grocery store coupon books---Price Chopper books are available now. Books cost \$5 each and include a coupon for \$5 off a \$50 order. Hyvee books will be available soon. Each book purchased puts \$3.60 in the student's trip account.

UPDATE ON 2017 TRIP:

Carol Modean----provided information on the Montreal trip. Arrangements have been made through a travel agency. They are holding 100 seats on four different Delta flights. (25 Orchestra travelers per flight.) Students will stay in a hotel near the Symphony performance venue for three nights. There will be four students per room and breakfast will be included.

Trip costs have been calculated a little high to be on the safe side, estimated at \$1150-1250 per student.

Meals are estimated at \$150.00 per student at roughly \$20 per meal including lunch at the airport, pizza at the hotel Thursday evening, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday. All students will share the cost of rental celli and basses at \$25 per student. Her boys each earned \$500 bagging at Hen House.

Doreen Fiala stated that passports cost \$125 and can be ordered at the Brookridge and Stillwell post offices. A minimum of 30 days to process applications should be allowed. She recommended applying before January 15th.

In answer to the question when trip fees will be due, the trip chair intends to e-mail due dates within a week.

She said the committee will look for performances in Montreal, perhaps in the underground mall. She also said the committee will be investigating sight seeing opportunities.

Laura Wiltfong mentioned that passports must be valid through October 31, 2017.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:20.

Minutes submitted by Simone Briand and Roger Wilder, Secretary.